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**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING GOVERNOR RICHARDSON TO ISSUE A STATE PARDON FOR  
IGNACIO RAMOS AND JOSE ALONSO COMPEAN.

WHEREAS, two former United States border patrol agents,  
Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean, were each sentenced last  
month to more than a decade in federal prison for shooting a  
Mexican drug smuggler during the performance of their duties as  
border patrol agents; and

WHEREAS, the agents said that they shot in self-defense,  
and federal lawmakers have called for a congressional  
investigation into the agents' prosecutions; and

WHEREAS, other developments in the case are that the union  
representing most rank-and-file border patrol agents  
established a legal defense fund for the agents, that civilian  
border watch groups have asked the United States attorney

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1 general's office to review the case and that there will be  
2 appeals through the courts to throw out the guilty verdicts  
3 against the agents;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
5 OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to grant the two  
6 border patrol agents a state pardon; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the governor.

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